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SUBJ: CONGRESSMAN DIGGS REQUEST FOR DATA ON
DAO CONTACTS IN SOUTH AFRICA

REF: 75 PRETORIA 4461, 75 STATE 281278, 75 STATE PRETORIA 4685

1. USDAO PRETORIA IS PREPARING RESPONSE TO MESSAGE FROM DIA (222350Z MAR 76) WHICH SEEKS DATS TO ANSWER MARCH 1 LETTER FROM CONGRESSMAN DIGGS TO ASST SECTY OF DEFENSE FOR LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS ASKING FULL INFORMATION ABOUT "CONTACTS, VISITS, APPOINTMENTS, COOPERATION, LIAISON AND OTHER RELATIONS IN THE UNITED STATES BETWEEN THE U.S. MILITARY, DEFENSE AND NAVAL FORCES AND SOUTH AFRICA OR INDIVIDUAL SOUTH AFRICANS FROM JANUARY 1, 1974 TO DATE." DEADLINE FOR REPLY IS MAY 15. IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSEQUENT GUIDANCE DAO IS LISTING ALL PERSONAL CONTACTS (EXCLUDING PURELY SOCIAL CONTACTS BELOW GENERAL OFFICER RANK) AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS, GIVING DATES, PLACES, AND REASONS FOR CONTACT AND GENERAL CHARACTERIZATION OF TOPICS COVERED.

2. DATT UNDERSTANDS FROM DIA GUIDANCE THAT CONGRESSMAN DIGGS PRIMARILY CONCERNED WITH ALLEGED COORDINATION AND COOPERATION BETWEEN THE U.S. AND SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENTS ON ANGOLA.

3. AT AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTION, DATT IS NOT REPEAT NOT INCLUDING ON LIST HE WILL SUBMIT TO DIA THE TWO CONTACTS
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(OF 18 NOV 75 AND 1 DEC 75) REPORTED IN REFTELS, AS EMBASSY

DOES NOT KNOW AT WHAT LEVEL DEPARTMENT DISCUSSED THESE CONTACTS WITH DIA. SINCE THESE CONTACTS ARE PERTINENT TO CONGRESSMAN DIGGS' INQUIRY, HOWEVER, REQUEST DEPARTMENT INFORM APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS IN DIA OF FOREGOING AND COORDINATE WITH THEM ON BEST METHOD HANDLING THIS ASPECT OF RESPONSE.

4. COMMENT: IN ORDER DEMONSTRATE FALSITY OF ALLEGATIONS CONCERNING COORDINATION BETWEEN USG AND SAG, DEPARTMENT TOGETHER WITH DIA MAY WISH PROVIDE CONGRESSMAN DIGGS WITH SEPARATE FULL BRIEFING ON EXCHANGE AND SHOW HIM USG REPLY EMPHASIZING DESIRABILITY OF POLITICAL SETTLEMENT.
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